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Loyola Law Students' Wives Association

NEWSLETTER

"Happenings" Merger

The annual Tea scheduled for October 6th as reported in the previous Newsletter has been postponed until Sunday, October 27th and will be held in conjunction with the annual tour of the Law School. It is hoped that this postponement and combination of events will draw an impressive attendance.

Father Vachon, Dean, will be guest speaker and Mr. Hunter Geer, new Assistant Dean will conduct the tour. An added attraction this year will be the showing of some oil paintings and watercolors which now grace the once bare walls at Loyola. This art was generously contributed by professional artists. We hope all the new members of the Law Wives Association will attend so that we can extend a warm welcome to them individually.

REMEMBER: OCTOBER 27TH AT 2:00 IN THE
MOOT COURT AT THE LAW SCHOOL!

A Success Story

Last year at the Tri-School Brunch, an event held with the Law Wives from UCLA and USC, we were given the opportunity to hear a distinguished lady speak, Justice Shirley Hufstedler. Since she gave that excellent talk, she has made headlines due to new success in her life. On October 1st she officially stepped into her new position as judge of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, "the second woman in the nation's history to reach such judicial heights", reports the Los Angeles Times. Prior to this she was Associate Justice of the State Court of Appeals.

Justice Hufstedler had this to say in an interview for the LA Times: "My achievements are the result of years of hard work, but right at the very root of it is the support of a magnificent family". We wish this very lovely, brilliant woman good luck in this new venture!

GUIDE TO BETTER GROUP

DISCUSSION

Last year Loyola Law Students' Wives Association had a rather busy and rewarding year in terms of financial success and social activity. One can certainly see, in retrospect, that certain members of this organization were outstandingly generous with their time, thought and effort in matters concerning the Law Wives. Some of these ladies are no longer with us; their husbands completed their studies. As a result, **WE NEED YOU** to help fill this void. Unless **YOU** become personally involved in the Association, belonging to it will be somewhat meaningless. Come to the meetings! Read the Newsletter and make a note of coming events so that you don't miss functions which might be of special interest to you.

When you attend meetings, please feel free to speak honestly. We want to know how **YOU** feel about matters under discussion. Meetings are usually (but not always) held on the fourth Sunday of the month. We want and need your participation! Pericles once boasted about his beloved Athens and his words may well serve to express our feelings and to explain why we need open discussions: "We differ from other states in regarding the man who holds aloof from public life not as 'quiet' but as useless; we decide or debate, carefully and in person, all matters of policy, holding, not that words and deeds go ill together, but that acts are foredoomed to failure when undertaken undiscussed."

Checks Solicited

Just a "friendly reminder": have you paid your dues? If not, please mail a five-dollar check to Betty Forgnone (Mrs. Robert) at 14364 Rosecrans, La Mirada, Calif. 90638. Dues of five dollars a year go partly toward the establishment of a scholarship fund and this sum also helps pay for the Newsletter.



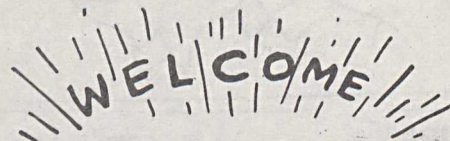
Plans are underway for the first annual Fall Scholarship Dance sponsored by Loyola's Law Students. The latest report is that those organizing this event are looking for a good dance band. If you know of a group who would either donate their services or provide the music at a moderate price, please call 257-6088. The date and place are not yet definite, but we shall keep you informed as news trickles down to us. This dance will help spark the social life at Loyola for the coming year and will serve as an "ice-breaker" for new students.



NEWSMAKERS

The Loyola Brief has taken on a new look. Now this publication is a typical periodical, ads and all. Wives: encourage your husbands to bring home the Brief and other printed material which is distributed at school. You may well enjoy reading it and you will thus keep informed of school activities. This reporter enjoyed a performance at the Greek Theatre of Jose Feliciano and Sergio Mendes' Brasil '66 because husband took advantage of the student discount tickets that were available through Loyola. Then on a Sunday the entire family spent a day at Valyermo at the art festival conducted by the Benedicting Monks at Saint Andrew's Priory. We became informed of this event by reading a brochure distributed at school. It was a rewarding experience and we came back with two stoneware vases and also two abstracts. So, keep reminding that husband of yours to bring home printed material from school. Who knows what exciting little morsel of information you may find! We look to the Brief to keep us abreast of school news and especially topics of special interest to our struggling students.

REMEMBER THE NOVEMBER MEETING ON THE 24TH 2:00 PM AT THE LAW SCHOOL. MR. EDWARD OWEN WILL SPEAK ABOUT LEGAL AID WORK!



A hearty welcome is extended to the following new members whose names are in no particular order: Pat Renfer, Patricia Clark, Jane Loveman, Bonnie Zolkin, Bonnie Tebbetts, Patricia Stevens, Linda Griep, Linda Black, Shirley Capata, Mary Kay Kunath, Linda Foss, Cheryl Doyle, Donna Overstreet, Mary Sawyer, Kathleen Bloomberg, Madelyn Messner, Carolyn McLaughlin, Florence Horgan, Ellen Mathis, Cynthia Blank, Geraldine Mink, Nancy Leny, Marilyn Noble, Gloria Sklerov, Betty Gerin, Neva Aylor, Rosalind Horn, Linda K. Jenkins, Brenda Blackman, Charlotte Reddish, Maureen Math, Karole Struebing, Judy Kascoutas, Janet Tunick, Toni Wolf, Ingrid Weger, Jane Fiore, Shirley Garrett, Joan Evans and Karen Daniels.



Mod Party Set

Karen and Richard Troop will host "Mod" Costume Party on Saturday, October 26th at 8:00 PM. Everyone should wear his or her very "hippiest" outfit. The Troop home is located at: 23907 Sapphire Canyon Road, Diamond Bar. RSVP to Karen at 714-599-XXXX. A map showing the way to the home is conveniently provided on the last page so that you can determine it from the Newsletter when you are ready to leave for this gay soiree.

BULLETIN - - - - -

Olga Blanck regretfully resigned as editor of the LLSWA Newsletter last month because of mounting work with the gifted students she is currently teaching and the fact that her own three creative and talented youngsters keep her busy with various projects. We hope, however, that Olga will still be able to attend LLSWA functions.

The new editor, Rosemarie Jitner, is launching a search for an assistant. Also, anyone who is interested in contributing articles of interest to this Newsletter is invited to call 257-06XXXX.



on... Tune in

NOTICE !

Professor Quentin O. Ogren has graciously extended an invitation to the wives of law students to attend a class in Torts! This is a class which requires no law training in order to generally understand the subject matter. According to the Gilbert Law Summary on Torts, "a tort is a wrongful act, injury or damage (not involving a breach of contract) for which a civil action can be brought. The course in Torts deals with a number of distinct and separate legal problems, which to a large extent are governed by dissimilar principles and doctrines. For example, it will be seen that the rules governing liability in a battery case, are entirely different from those governing liability in a case involving the sale of contaminated foodstuffs; yet, both are 'Torts' problems".

What a wonderful opportunity we have to sit-in on a class discussion or lecture which will broaden our understanding of this first-year subject matter. In this instance, one must take exception to Alexander Pope's dictum, "A little learning is a dangerous thing; Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring". No, in this case a "little learning" would at least help us to comprehend our husbands' technical jargon. Don't you feel just a wee bit dull when he talks about a "prima facie case", "proximate cause", or "misfeasance"??? Then do attend one of the Torts classes on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or 3-4PM or Thursdays from 11-12 noon or 1-3:00 PM.

just a short introduction": in order to foster greater interest in matters pertaining to our husbands, law studies and in an effort to enhance the existing rapport between wives and the faculty, we will include in our Newsletter, from time to time articles contributed by different faculty members. They are dynamic, concerned individuals, and it will be to our benefit to become exposed to their thinking

Guest Editorial

"LAW: THE PROFESSION, THE STUDY AND THE WIFE"

by Professor Quentin O. Ogren

A lawyer is a professional man. That means more than status and more than skill. A profession doesn't exist for its own sake, to serve its members' needs. It exists to serve the public, to be helpful to others and it is to this service that the lawyer, if he is to deserve full membership in his profession, must be dedicated.

At the very heart of the professional calling there is a commitment, and, therefore, much of the lawyer's life is not his own; it belongs to those who need him; most of all, it seems to me, to those who suffer from a lack of the social value that is the center of the law's concern, which is justice.

The point about being a lawyer, I believe, lies here. The lawyer can do something about the injustice he sees around him. A good lawyer is a powerful man, ten feet tall and he walks with a long stride. A case is different because HE is in it, and so is a community. He often has the power to tear the oppressor from the back of his victim. He has the power to help men make private arrangements which reasonably accommodate conflicting interests... landlords and tenants, employers and employees, lenders and borrowers and so on. And in

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the general community it is more often than not a lawyer who is the lawmaker sitting in the legislative halls or in the governor's or president's chair; and, of course, it is a lawyer who sits on the bench and interprets and applies the law.

Unless we have a spacious view of the law, we short-change ourselves. We settle for dirt when we could have stars in our hands. We forget the counsel of Martin Luther King who reminded us of the danger that we would be more concerned with making a living than making a life. "We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles", he wrote, "rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to humanity". And so students put up with the demands of law school because they think of law as a good job they hope will pay well, rather than as a calling that will provide great meaning and purpose to their lives.

There is something I want you to read. It is Holmes' The Path of the Law, a talk he gave to some law students in Boston in 1897. It's 20 pages long, and there's not a dated word in it. I already told your husband to read it, if he is in my classes. You can understand it, and enjoyment is guaranteed. We have a number of copies in the library. Don't let your husband persuade you that wives as non-law creatures are not supposed to trespass on the law and its sacred mysteries.

If your husband does understand a piece like this better than you do, he will profit from the experience of making its subtleties clear to you. "When I was a young man, I took to the law, and argued each case with my wife; and the muscular strength which it gave to my jaw has lasted the rest of my life", Father William testified in Alice In Wonderland. I agree. Part of studying law in the grand manner (the only way!) is to share its excitement with the person who shares everything that is meaningful in one's life. I am not suggesting that you or your husband agree with Holmes, only that the exposure to him will be rewarding, whether you agree with him or not.

I would also suggest that you help your husband heed the counsel of Arthur Vanderbilt, a great legal educator, outstanding judge and judicial reformer. He told his students, "You need to cultivate, from the beginning, an active and intelligent interest in public affairs if you are to be great lawyers, so as to qualify as leaders of public opinion and eventually as our leaders in public office!"

To many students this advice seems impossible to follow. They say they don't have time to read a paper. And yet the public looks to lawyers as leaders in the formation of public opinion, and if we deserve such an important role in a free society, we had better steal the time to become informed. Wife, help your husband steal this time, and help him, too, by making a special point of being well-informed yourself.

Properly undertaken, law study will yield both skill and perspective. But it doesn't always. The study of law can cramp and shackle a mind and make it legalistic in a pejorative sense. But this is an ailment a good wife can probably keep her husband from, or if he does catch it, she can certainly keep it from doing him in. When law as your husband understands it, leads to conclusions that defy common sense, you may humbly suggest that the last word has yet to be spoken. But, most of all, you can help your husband avoid a bad case of legal mental cramps if you read widely yourself and remain open to the needs of the community. For whatever else law is, if it is not a relevant, problem-solving response to community needs, it is in the way. A VISTA slogan says, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." The same may be said of the law.

Law study is quite different now from what it was twenty years ago when I was a student. The schools---and this includes Loyola---have rediscovered jurisprudence, the study of law in its most generalized aspect. We are far more open than before to what other

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disciplines can teach us; psychology and sociology, for example. The student has opportunities now to study first-hand the operations of the prosecuting agencies, the police, the public defender system and legal aid.

But infinite distance still separates modern American legal education from the education to which the leaders of our profession were exposed in the formative years of our republic. They led not only the profession, they led the entire American society and fashioned a heritage of freedom which puts us and our children in their debt. They set the truly professional standard against which the sometimes puny accomplishments of their successors at the bar are measured. For them, law and political economy, as they called it, and sociology were all of a piece. It would never have occurred to their enlightened minds to think of the law as merely a business that served business. They served clients, all right, but their souls were distinctly their own.

Law practice is changing now, and the United States Supreme Court has opened the way to an era of group legal practice that applies insurance principles to make legal services available to even low-income people at prices they can afford to pay. The revolution in Criminal procedure we have witnessed in recent years has made criminal law every lawyer's practical concern. And, for the first time in history, it has become possible for a substantial number of lawyers to serve the poor without embracing real poverty themselves and to enjoy the psychological rewards that come from participating personally in the relief of suffering through such programs as California Rural Legal Assistance and Neighborhood Legal Services in the inner city.

For you and your husband this is in the future. But my witness is that it is a future worth sacrificing for, a future charged with significance. Your days will be strenuous for a few years, but your lives will be intensely purposeful. You and your husband will share the satisfaction of knowing that with each passing day you are moving a little closer to a high, yet achievable, goal.

Our Thanks...

to Professor Ogren for taking the time to compose such an inspirational essay. The fact that he thought we were worth the effort should bolster our sometimes sagging spirit. Now, with blithe spirit, let us ask the librarian for Holmes' The Path of the Law.

THANKS, also to Betty Gerin, a new member, who cheerfully accepted the job of taking the Newsletter to Loyola University Campus to be printed. And, GRACIAS to the ladies who contributed money at the last meeting for the Membership Tea...Deanna Armstrong, Karen Troop, Lori Belcher, Helene Moss, Jane Fiore, Diana Herrst, Joyce Abdulaziz, Betty Forgnone, Pat Shiner and Rosemarie Jitner. Don't be bashful! If you are also concerned about our finances, feel free to make a donation to help defray the cost of the Tea.

COMING EVENT! POT LUCK LUNCHEON AND TOY WRAPPING PARTY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 1-4PM AT SCHOOL. CIRCLE THAT CALENDAR!

READ A BOOK LATELY? HERE ARE SOME BOOKS WHICH YOU CAN READ WHILE YOUR YOUNG CICERO IS AT THE LIBRARY; WHEN HE FINALLY GETS HOME THEN YOU CAN CHAT ABOUT WHAT YOU READ (IF YOU ARE LUCKY!)

A Pillar of Iron, Taylor Caldwell, a novel about Cicero and the Rome he tried to save.

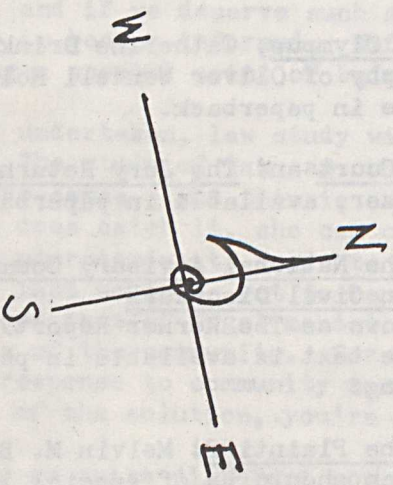
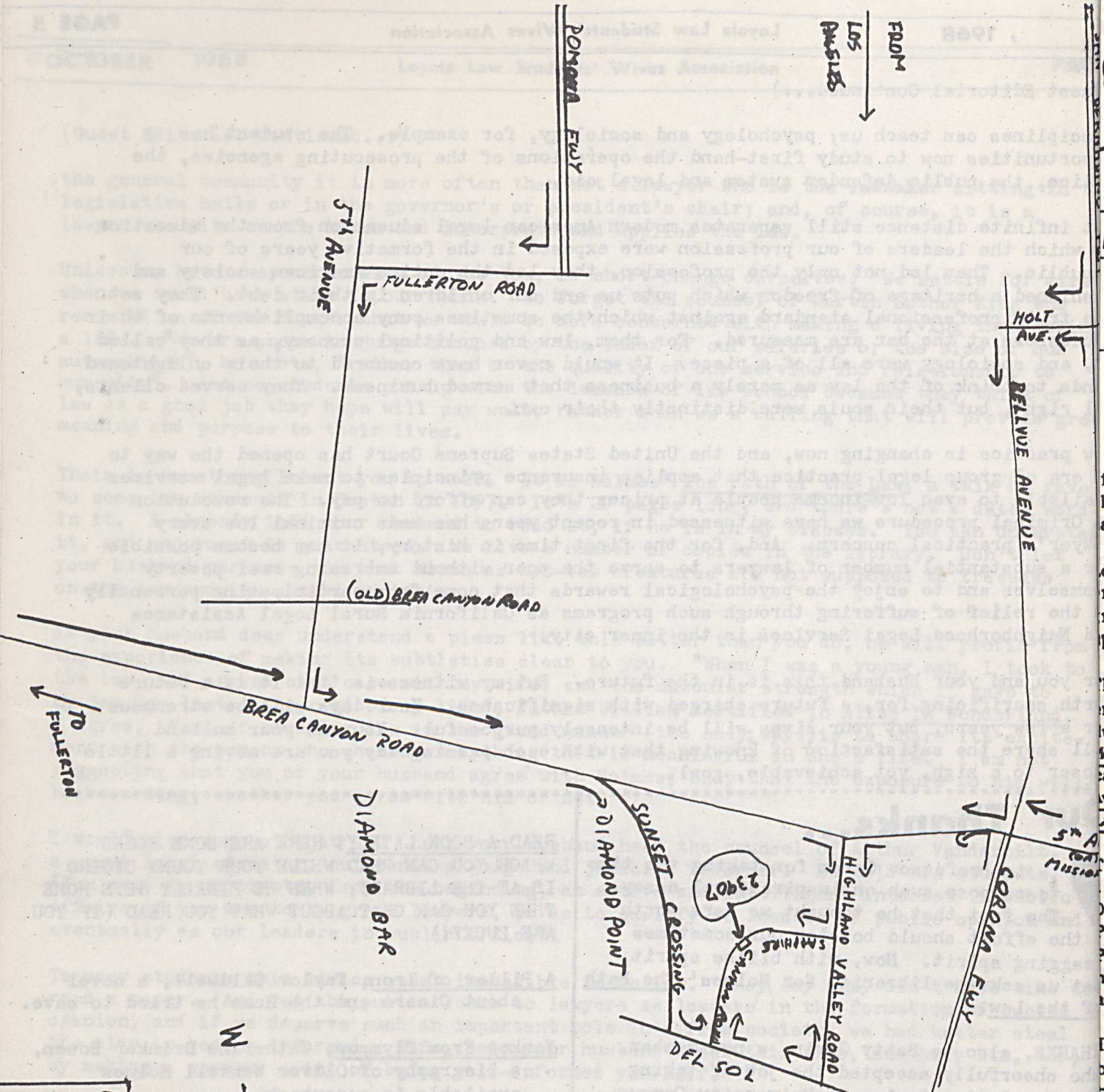
Yankee From Olympus, Catherine Drinker Bowen, a biography of Oliver Wendell Holmes available in paperback.

My Life in Court and The Jury Returns by Louis Nizer, available in paperback.

Report of the National Advisory Commission On Civil Disorders (also known as The Kerner Report) The complete text is available in paperback. Vital reading!

Ready For the Plaintiff! Melvin M. Belli, a book which should be of special interest to wives whose husbands are taking Torts classes. Basically, it deals with personal injury cases and wrongful death suits.

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